

TOWN OF WALLACE
MONTHLY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
July 11, 2019
7:00 pm

The Wallace Town Council held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall.

The following Governing Body members were present:

Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor
Council Member/Mayor Pro-Tem Warren Hepler
Council Member Frank Brinkley
Council Member Wannetta Carlton
Council Member Jeff Carter
Council Member Jason Wells

The following members of the Governing Body were absent:
NONE

Also Present were:

Ralph Clark, Interim Town Manager	Davis Carr
Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk	Danny Cavanaugh
Anna Heath, Town Attorney	Sandy Forehand
David Bizzell, Parks & Recreation Director	Darlene Leysath
Jimmy Crayton, Police Chief	Glenn Mobley, District Director, Dixie Youth Baseball
Rod Fritz, Planning Director	Francisco Rivas-Diaz
Jerry James, Public Services Director	SW Duplin Coach Pitch All-Stars Team
Gage King, Airport Manager	Steve Pittmen, Coach
Chris Martin, Tax Administrator	Chris Williams, Coach
Sharon Robison, Library Director	Kelvin Pender, Coach
Peggy Updike, PW Administrative Assistant	Abby Cavanaugh, Duplin Times

Mayor Charley Farrior called the regular meeting to order with a quorum of the governing body members present. The invocation was given by Council Member Jeff Carter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Farrior called for discussion of the agenda and asked for any additions or changes. Council Member Carter made a motion to adopt the agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Frank Brinkley and approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment Period

There were no comments.

Presentations/Proclamations

Mayor Farrior administered the oath of office to Tax Collector Joseph Christopher Martin.

Parks & Recreation Director David Bizzell introduced Coaches Steve Pittmen, Chris Williams and Kelvin Pender and Dixie Youth Baseball District 7 Director Glenn Mobley who presented the State Sportsmanship Trophy to the Southwest Duplin Coach Pitch All-Star Team.

Consent agenda

Minutes from the June 13 2019 monthly meeting, the June 20, June 27, 2019 and July 2, 2019 continued meetings

Mayor Farrior called for discussion of the minutes. A couple of corrections that were discussed briefly prior to the meeting were mentioned. Council Member Jason Wells made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and approved by unanimous vote.

Tax Report

Tax Administrator Chris Martin presented the Tax Report for the period ending June 30, 2019. Mr. Martin said that year-to-date collections were up 1.15% compared to last year and the 10-year overall collections were up 2.25%. Monies were received from payment plans in the amount of \$3,55.00 and \$20.00 from foreclosures payments.

Tax Releases

There were no tax releases.

Old Business

Fuel Farm Rehabilitation Grant

Airport Manager Gage King to accept the grant agreement for rehabilitation of the fuel farm; Project #36237.56.13.1. The total project is \$78,792 and the grant will cover ninety-percent (90%) of the cost using NPE funds (Non-Primary Entitlement Funds) in the amount of \$70,912.

Council Member Brinkley made a motion to approve the grant agreement for project #36237.56.13.1. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wannetta Carlton and approved by unanimous vote.

BB&T Governmental Finance Payoff Quote

At the June 27 meeting Mayor Farrior asked Finance Director Shameshia Fennell to obtain the exact amount of the penalty and payoff of the fire truck. Town Manager Ralph Clark said that although the penalty is not that much a better option would be to establish a Capital Reserve Account in which to invest the funds where they could earn interest. The funds reserved in the Capital Reserve Account may only be used for the designated purpose and could only be changed by the Town Council.

The Council took no action on this matter.

Ordinance Amendment; Chapter 71: Traffic Regulations

Police Chief Jimmy Crayton asked the Council to amend the Town's speed limit ordinance to reduce the speed limit on all Town streets not part of the State Highway System to 25 miles per hour. In order to enforce such regulations, the streets must be posted with the new speed limit. Purchasing and installing the signs was briefly discussed.

Council Member Wells made a motion to adopt the proposed Speed Limit Ordinance Amendment which was seconded by Council Member Carter and approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

Annual Solid Waste Report for FY 2018-2019

Public Services Director Jerry James presented the report and said this annual report basically tells the state what the Town is doing with its solid waste.

There was no action needed on this matter.

Disposition of Surplus Property

Chief Crayton presented two (2) items for disposition on govdeals.com and said that the sale of the Humvee closed with the final bid in the amount of \$10,025.

Council Member Wells made a motion to adopt a Resolution Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing Disposal by Online Public Auction for a 10kw Generator and Trailer (military) Serial Number EZ34943 that was seconded by Council Member Carlton and approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member Wells made a motion to adopt a Resolution Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing Disposal by Online Public Auction for a 2009 Chevrolet Impala VIN 2G1WS57M49197775 that was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member Wells made a motion to accept the final bid of \$10,025 for the Humvee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Warren Hepler and approved by unanimous vote.

Establish a Public Hearing for Rezoning Request and an Application for a Special Use Permit

Planning Director Rod Fritz said that the applicant has submitted an application for rezoning a parcel of property located on US Hwy 117 South from R-6 (residential, minimum lot size 6,000 sq.ft.) to RA-20 (residential, agricultural, minimum lot size 20,000 sq.ft.) and grant a Special Use Permit for a solar farm.

Council Member Carlton made a motion to establish a public hearing after 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 8, 2019 for a rezoning request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wells and approved by unanimous vote.

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Council Reports

Council Member Hepler said the stop sign on E. Boney Street across S.E. Railroad Street and a caution sign in the area are both faded and need to be replaced.

Council Member Carter spoke about a log truck parked on Railroad St. that creates a visibility problem for drivers at the intersection.

Council Member Carlton mentioned the chairs at the public access computer in the library and that they are unsafe. Mayor Farrior asked Library Director Sharon Robison to see about replacing them.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Farrior indicated that some shrubbery at the intersections at W. Southerland St./N. Raleigh St. and N. Cumberland St./W. Murphy need to be cut.

Mayor Farrior said that Duplin Land Development is interested in scheduling a meeting regarding the Maple Creek pump station upgrade and force main (830 project).

Mayor Farrior said that he had been asked by the new owners of Rockfish Country Club if the Town is interested in renting and operating a golf course. The consensus of the Council was to decline.

Department Head Reports

Rod Fritz, Planning Director, he has been looking at the Rose House at Boney Mill Park and assessing what needs to be done so that it may be rented. Mr. Fritz said that he is requesting a PO for a consultant to help update the Town's UDO (Unified Development Ordinance).

Gage King, Airport Manager, informed the Council that there were no upset bids received for the shelter (located at 1808 Wallace Airport Road) that was declared surplus in May and asked the Council to accept the initial bid of \$100. Mr. King asked the Council if the house located at this address should still be for sale as it has a mold issue. The consensus of the Council was to try and sell it but be sure to inform the buyer of the mold.

Council Member Carter made a motion to award the sale of the shelter to the \$100 bidder. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wells and approved by unanimous vote.

Jimmy Crayton, Police Chief, asked the Council if the written report he submitted was the information they were interested in or would they like something else. The Council indicated that what he submitted was fine.

Sharon Robison, Library Director, said that she and Jennifer Raynor had gone to Passport training and both passed the test. Ms. Robinson added that *Summer Fun Day* and ribbon cutting

for the Parade of Pages, which was funded through a Duplin County Community Foundation grant, will be happening at the Clement Park tomorrow.

Jerry James, Public Services Director, reported that he found the denial letter from NCLM (North Carolina League of Municipalities) regarding the WWTP and has sent it to FEMA. Mr. James stated that he has submitted Cat B invoices to FEMA for reimbursement.

Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk, asked the Council to appoint someone to represent the Town of Wallace on the Eastern Carolina Council (ECC) of Governments General Membership Board. Planning Director Rod Fritz volunteered.

Council Member Carter made a motion to appoint Rod Fritz to the ECC General Membership Board that was seconded by Council Member Hepler and approved by unanimous vote.

Jason Wells reported that the Fire Department is in the middle of summer weekend duty.

Town Manager Reports

Ralph Clark, Interim Town Manager, asked the Council to plan for a closed session, in the future, to discuss property acquisition and property needs.

Closed Session

Council Member Wells made a motion to go into closed session (G.S.143-318.11(a)(6)) to discuss candidates for Town Manager.

The Mayor and Council talked about the three (3) finalists and what to do regarding background investigations. The Council chose a firm to do this and agreed to include all three (3) candidates, provided all are still interested. Mayor Farrior will contact the candidates and Investigative Security Services Agency.

Council Member Wells made a motion to engage Investigative Security Services Agency to conduct background checks for the Town Manager candidates. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and approved by unanimous vote of the Council.

Council Member Hepler made a motion to end the closed session that was seconded by Council Member Wells and approved by unanimous vote.

With there being no other business to discuss, Council Member Carter made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hepler and approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor

Jacqueline Nicholson, CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Wallace, North Carolina, that pursuant to NCGS § 20-141 and NCGS. § 20-176, Chapter 71: Traffic Regulations, § 71.05 Speed Limits of the Town of Wallace's Traffic Regulation and Chapter 73 Traffic Schedules, Schedule I. Speed Limits is hereby amended by changing the penalty to that prescribed in Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and is hereby amended by restricting the speed on all streets in the Town of Wallace, not part of the State Highway System, to 25 miles per hour.

This Ordinance Amendment shall become effective upon adoption.

The Speed Limits of the Town of Wallace's Traffic Regulation's are hereby amended by inserting the underlined language as follows:

CHAPTER 71: TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

§ 71.05 SPEED LIMITS.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation operating a motor vehicle in the Town of Wallace to drive in excess of 20 mph in a business district, or in excess of 25 mph on any other street in Town, which is not part of the State Highway System, or in excess of any of the speed limits set forth in Chapter 73, Schedule I, of this code.

Speed limits set pursuant to § 71.05 shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon the part of the streets affected.

Violations of this Ordinance shall constitute an infraction in accordance with Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

(Prior Code, § 71.05) (Ord. passed 4-25-1958)

Penalty, see Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes, specifically N.C.G.S § 20-141 and N.C.G.S. § 20-176.

CHAPTER 73: TRAFFIC SCHEDULES

Schedule

Speed Limits

- I. Left turn prohibited
- II. Stop signs
- III. Yield signs
- IV. Stop lights
- V. Truck routes
- VI.

SCHEDULE I. SPEED LIMITS.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Mph</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
East Southerland Street from East Railroad Street to Norwood Street	20	6-8-1965
Norwood Street from southern corporate limits to northern corporate limits	40	6-11-1964
Main Street (NC 41) from Raleigh Street to Railroad Street, thence along East Main Street (NC 41) to Norwood Street (US 117)	20	6-11-1964
Southerland Street (SR 1173) from Raleigh Street to West Railroad Street	20	6-8-1965

Speed limits set pursuant to this Schedule shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon the part of the streets affected.

Violations of this Ordinance shall constitute an infraction in accordance with Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

(Prior Code, Ch. 73, Sch. I) Penalty, see Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes, specifically N.C.G.S § 20-141 and N.C.G.S. § 20-176.

Duly adopted this the 11th day of July, 2019.

By: _____

Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Jacqueline Nicholson, Town Clerk